

HOUSE BILL 765

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;  
Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 38, Chapter 8, Part  
1, relative to the qualifications of police officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-105, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding any citizenship requirement in a private act or charter provision to the contrary, a municipality, county, or political subdivision of this state is authorized to employ a police officer who is a permanent legal resident of the United States and an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106(2), is amended by deleting the language "Be a citizen of the United States" and by substituting instead the language "Be a citizen of the United States, or a permanent legal resident of the United States who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.